

**Authorizing the Department of Animal Care and Control to offer
spay and neuter services to keep the public safe from animal-
related health and safety dangers, and to reduce the incidence of
loose dogs
(Animal Care and Control)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Animal Care and Control's mission is to enforce the dog laws in Franklin County and to keep the public safe from animal-related health or safety dangers; and

WHEREAS, dog bites severely injure individuals, especially children, and are often the result of dogs running loose without supervision and control; and

WHEREAS, dogs that have not been spayed or neutered may be more likely to attempt to run loose; and

WHEREAS, the impoundment and caring of stray dogs are burdens borne by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §955.221 authorizes resolutions to control dogs, including but not limited to dogs as public nuisances and dogs as a threat to public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §955.17 authorizes the establishment, by resolution, of reasonable fees to cover costs of providing miscellaneous services performed by the dog warden; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;**

1. That the Department of Animal Care and Control establish spay and neuter programs targeted at reducing the incidence of loose dogs.
2. That the Department of Animal Care and Control offer spay and neuter services for impounded dogs prior to being reclaimed by their owners.
3. The fees shall not exceed cost of service.

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